



**Texas Agricultural
Lifetime Leadership Program**

**Class XV - Session 4
Washington, DC, Maryland, Pennsylvania
and New York
April 22-29, 2017**

“National Government: Issues and Policies”



Saturday, April 22, 2017

Check into Holiday Inn Capitol

Presiding:	Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz
Dress:	Casual, bring a jacket and dress warm
Transportation:	Bus

8:15 p.m. Meet in lobby for bus.

8:30 p.m. **“Washington After Dark” Tour - Bus will pick us up at the hotel.**

Step off to visit: Jefferson Memorial, Kennedy Center, Marine Corps Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam and Korean Veterans Memorial. View from Coach: Capitol, Library of Congress, House & Senate, White House, etc.

11:00 p.m. Return to hotel and adjourn for evening

Sunday, April 23, 2017

FREE DAY for TALL XV!

Suggestions: The National Cathedral, Arlington National Cemetery, The Holocaust Museum, The National Zoo, Mount Vernon, Old Town Alexandria, George Town, Union Station, The Kennedy Center, The Smithsonian, Monticello, or anything else you find interesting.

NBC:MEET THE PRESS (put together by Jennifer Blackburn)

Monday, April 24, 2017

Presiding.....Jennifer Blackburn & Remi Wright
Dress:.....Business Attire
Transportation Metro
Breakfast.....Breakfast on Your Own
NOTE.....Everyone will need a Photo ID for security

7:45 a.m. *Meet in Hotel lobby to depart for EPA Headquarters*

Metro Planner: Holiday Inn Capitol to EPA Headquarters (approx 16 min transit)
Walk approximately 0.2 mi. to LENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION | Enter station using D ST SW BETWEEN 6TH & 7TH STS entrance | LENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION | Silver Line to WIEHLE RESTON EAST | Exit at FEDERAL TRIANGLE METRO STATION | Walk approximately 0.2 mi. to your destination

*****Get to EPA early in order to be processed*****

8:30am **EPA Briefing..... Louise Wise, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator,
Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention
Rick P. Keigwin, Jr., Acting Director
Jennifer Molloy, Office of Water
Erika Larsen, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds**

9:30 am **Depart for the Pentagon via Metro**

Metro Planner: EPA Headquarters to Pentagon (approx 28 min transit)
Walk approximately 0.3 mi. to NAVY YARD METRO STATION | Enter station using HALF ST SE & M ST SE entrance green Line | NAVY YARD METRO STATION | Green Line to GREENBELT | Exit at LENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION yellow Line | LENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION | Yellow Line to HUNTINGTON | Exit at PENTAGON METRO STATION | Walk a short distance to your destination.

9:50 a.m. Check into Pentagon Security

10:00 a.m. **Pentagon Tour**

11:00 a.m. **Pentagon Speaker**

11:30 p.m. Depart for Longworth House Office Building

Metro Planner: Pentagon to Longworth House Office Building (approx 22 min transit)
PENTAGON METRO STATION | Yellow Line to FORT TOTTEN | Exit at LENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION | LENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION | Silver Line to LARGO TOWN CENTER | Exit at CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION | Walk approximately 0.2 mi. to your destination

12:00 - 12:30 pm **Lunch – on your own**

12:30 - 1:45 pm **Visit your Congressman and Staff**

1:45 - 2:00pm **Travel to 1300 LHOB Ag Committee Room**

Presiding: Ramon Alvarez & Clifton Castle

2:00 p.m. **House Agriculture Committee.....Matt Schertz, Staff Director
Bart Fischer, Deputy Staff Director/Chief Economist**

3:00 p.m. **Depart to American Farm Bureau Federation**

Travel: Longworth House Office Building to American Farm Bureau (12 min | 0.6mile)
Walk: Longworth House Office Building | 1 Independence Ave SE, Washington, DC 20003 | Head west on Independence Ave SE toward S Capitol St SW | 0.5 mi | Slight left onto Maryland Ave SW | Destination will be on the left | 0.1 mi | 600 Maryland Ave SW

3:30 p.m. “Issues Facing US Agriculture Domestically and Globally”..... **Dale Moore**
Executive Director, Public Policy
American Farm Bureau Federation
Bob Young
Chief Economist & Deputy Executive Director, Public Policy
American Farm Bureau Federation

4:30 p.m. Break

4:40 p.m. “Update on International Markets & US Grains Council Programs”.....**Kurt Schultz**
Senior Director of Global Strategies, US Grains Council

5:40 p.m. Depart for Hotel to freshen up for dinner

Travel: American Farm Bureau to Hotel (2 min. | 0.1mile)
Walk: Head east on Maryland Ave SW toward 6th St SW | 200 ft | Turn right onto 6th St SW | Destination will be on the left

6:30 p.m. Depart to Trattoria Alberto of Capitol Hill

Presiding:John Coleman Locke & Daniel Luehrs

Metro Planner: Holiday Inn Capitol to Trattoria Alberto of Capitol Hill (approx 17min transit)
Walk approximately 0.2 mi. to LENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION | Enter station using D ST SW BETWEEN 6TH & 7TH STS entrance | LENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION | Silver Line to WIEHLE RESTON EAST | Exit at METRO CENTER METRO STATION | Use 12TH ST NW & F ST NW station exit | Walk approximately 0.2 mi. to your destination

7:00 p.m. Dinner Speaker:
“Working with Congress and the New Farm Bill” **Jeff Harrison**
Combest, Sell & Associates

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Presiding:Brett Bamert & Patrick Dudley
Dress.....Business Attire
Transportation Metro
Breakfast.....Breakfast on Your Own

8:15 am Meet in hotel lobby and depart to Jamie L. Whitten Building

Metro Planner: Holiday Inn Capitol to Jamie L. Whitten Building (approx 15 min transit)
Walk approximately 0.2 mi. to LENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION | Enter station using D ST SW BETWEEN 6TH & 7TH STS entrance | LENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION | Orange Line to VIENNA FAIRFAX-GMU | Exit at SMITHSONIAN METRO STATION | Use 12TH ST SW & INDEPENDENCE AVE SW station exit | Walk approximately 0.2 mi. to your destination

Everyone is to enter the building of USDA with a Photo ID to get through Security. Entrance to USDA is through the Jefferson Drive Door (Smithsonian MALL side of the building)

9:00 am Secretary of Ag Reception

10:20 am Travel to Capitol Visitors Center

Metro Planner: Jamie L. Whitten Building to Capitol (approx 15 min transit)
Walk approximately 0.2 mi. to SMITHSONIAN METRO STATION | Enter station using 12TH ST SW & INDEPENDENCE AVE SW entrance | SMITHSONIAN METRO STATION | Blue Line to LARGO TOWN CENTER | Exit at LENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION | Use D ST SW BETWEEN 6TH & 7TH STS station exit | Walk approximately 0.2 mi. to your destination

Presiding.....Scott Irlbeck & Jeff Sarchet

11:00 am “National and Global Issues Effecting Economic Stability”
Senator John Cornyn, United States Senator – Texas

12:00 pm Depart for Longworth House Office Building

Metro Planner: Capitol to Longworth House Office Building (approx 35 min transit)
Walk approximately 0.3 mi. to CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION | Enter station using CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION entrance | CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION | Blue Line to FRANCONIA-SPRINGFIELD | Exit at FEDERAL CENTER METRO STATION | FEDERAL CENTER METRO STATION | Orange Line to NEW CARROLLTON | Exit at CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION | Walk approximately 0.4 mi. to your destination

12:30 pm Lunch in the Longworth House Office Building cafeteria

Presiding.....April Bonds & Sarah Cortese Fitzgerald

1:30 pm “Sensitivity of Global Markets and How Policy Affects Trade in a World Economy”
Patrick Kirwan- Director, Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee (TPCC)
U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration

2:15 pm “The current issues facing FDA and the US Agriculture Industry”..... Dr. Michael Murphy
Veterinary Medical Officer

2:15 pm Speaker To Be Announced

3:00 pm BREAK

3:15 pm “Heritage’s efforts to reshape the farm bill debate”..... Daren Bakst
Research Fellow in Ag Policy
Institute for Economic Freedom and Opportunity
The Heritage Foundation

4:00 p.m. “Trade Policies and Regulations Domestically and Globally”.....Kent Bacus & Scott Yager
NCBA

4:45 pm Depart for dinner / Ford's Theater

Metro Planner: Longworth House Office Building to Ford's Theater (approx 17 min transit)
Walk approximately 0.2 mi. to LENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION | Enter station using D ST SW BETWEEN 6TH & 7TH STS entrance | LENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION | Orange Line to VIENNA FAIRFAX-GMU | Exit at METRO CENTER METRO STATION | Use 12TH ST NW & F ST NW station exit | Walk approximately 0.2 mi. to your destination

Presiding:**Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz**
Transportation.....**Metro**
Dinner.....**Meal is Self-Directed and On Your Own**

7:00 pm **Arrive no later than 7:00 p.m. at Ford's Theatre**

Show Name: ***"Ragtime"***

7:15 pm Seating begins – Do not be late!

7:30 pm Performance - Ragtime

Run Time: This performance is approximately 2 hours and 45 minutes, including 1 intermission.

10:30 pm Take Metro back to **Holiday Inn Capitol**

Metro Planner: Holiday Inn Capitol to Ford's Theater (approx 17 min transit)
Walk approximately 0.2 mi. to METRO CENTER METRO STATION | Enter station using 12TH ST NW & F ST NW entrance | METRO CENTER METRO STATION | **Orange Line** to NEW CARROLLTON | Exit at LENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION | Use D ST SW BETWEEN 6TH & 7TH STS station exit | Walk approximately 0.2 mi. to your destination

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

Presiding.....Cody Harris & Josh Louder
DressBusiness Casual
Breakfast Breakfast on Your Own
Transportation..... Bus

7:15 a.m. Meet in hotel lobby with luggage, **CHECK OUT** and load bus.

7:30 a.m. Depart for **Maryland tours.**

Mr. William Amoss, Chief, Agricultural and Historic Preservation for Harford County Government |
LEAD Alumnus

7:45 a.m. Homework assignments, talks, news releases, etc. presented on the bus

9:15 a.m. Arrive and tour **Holloway Brothers Farm** – beef cattle, grain and hay operation, also sell retail beef.

“Ag Retail Sales and Commercial Ag Agronomy Center”

Karen Holloway, Manager

10:30 a.m. Depart for **Rigbie Farm**

10:45 a.m. **Rigbie Farm Tour..... Sharon Clark**, Owner
Land Preservation.....Mr. William Amoss

Presiding:..... Grant Groene & Kyle Watts
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12:00 p.m. Depart for **Broom’s Bloom Dairy**

Tour Host.....David and Kate Dallam, Owners, Broom’s Bloom Dairy

12:30 p.m. Lunch and tour at **Broom’s Bloom Dairy** - dairy operation

“Ag lending issues in the area.....John Stump

Farm Credit | LEAD Alumnus

2:30 p.m. Depart for **Riehl Farm** (Amish Farm) - **(NO CAMERAS!)**

4:00 p.m. Arrive and tour **Riehl Farm** (dairy farm)

Tour Hosts.....Sam and Susie Riehl, Owners

Pennsylvania Welcome.....Jean P. Lonie, Director of Student

Recruitment and Activities
College of Agricultural Sciences
Pennsylvania State University

Russell C. Redding, Secretary of Agriculture for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Department of Ag

5:30 p.m. Depart for hotel in **New York City**

8:30 p.m. **Arrive and check into the ROW NYC Hotel**

Thursday, April 27, 2017

Presiding:	Lee Burton & Thomas Miller
Dress:	Business Casual
NOTE:	Wear a jacket, closed-toe, water proof rubber shoes/boots
Breakfast	Breakfast On Your Own
Transportation:	Bus

4:30 a.m. Assemble in hotel lobby

5:15 a.m. Bus departs for **New Fulton Fish Market** – America’s oldest fish market

6:00 a.m. **Observe fish market operation**.....**Victor Seguinot,**
Security Director New Fulton Fish Market

7:15 a.m. Bus departs for **Mosner Family Brands** – wholesale meat company

7:30 a.m. **Observe meat packing operation**.....**Benjamin Mosner,** Vice President of Sales
Mosner Family Brands

9:00 a.m. Depart for **Community Kitchen in West Harlem**

Presiding Members:	Lauren Echols Decker & Alicia Meinzer
NOTE:	Lunch to be paid by your individual donation.

11:15a.m. Bus departs for **Community Kitchen in West Harlem** (soup kitchen and food training program)
The tour will include a discussion with the celebrated chef and Food Bank’s consultant Chef Max Hardy about the feeding programs, an orientation by the Food Bank’s Benefit Access program about its SNAP service, culminating with lunch.

Sheree Quiles, Administrative Manager, Food Bank For New York City
Community Kitchen and Food Pantry of West Harlem

12:00p.m. Lunch at Community Kitchen- **Lunch to be paid by your individual donation**

1:30p.m. Bus departs to **Cornell Financial Engineering Manhattan**

3:00p.m. Bus arrives at Cornell Financial Engineering Manhattan – **(Bus is released)**

3:00p.m. **“Funding American Agriculture through the Farm Credit System”**
Katherine Falconi, Managing Director, Risk & Research

3:45p.m. Break

4:00p.m. **“Three Decades of Commodity Market Evolution”****Sal Gilbertie,** President
Chief Investment Officer and co-founder of Teucrium Trading, LLC

4:45p.m. **Depart for photo at Merrill Lynch Bull**

5:15p.m. **Class photo at the Merrill Lynch Bull** **Broadway & Morris St, New York, NY (2 blocks from Cornell)**

Free evening for TALL XV

Friday, April 28, 2017

Presiding Members:	Shane Halfmann & Heath Reeves
Dress:	Business Casual
Breakfast:	On Your Own
Transportation:	Bus

7:15 a.m. Assemble in Hotel Lobby

7:30 a.m. Bus departs Hotel for Walden, NY

Larry Van De Valk, Director, LEAD New York Program - Cornell University

9:00 **Visit Crist Orchards**.....**Jenny Crist**, Owner, LEAD Class 14

10:15 Depart for **Kerhonkson**

11:00 **Visit Kelder Farms**.....**Chris and Jackie Kelder**, Owners

12:15 Lunch at Kelder's Farm

Speaker: **Dr. Phil Giltner**- Deputy Comm., NYS Dept. of Ag. & Markets

Presiding:	Lacee Hoelting & Remi Wright
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1:15 Depart for **Poughkeepsie**

2:30 **Visit Bos-Haven Farms**..... **Tim Marshall, Brian Donovan** | Bos-Haven Farms
Sam Simon | Hudson Valley Fresh
Brian Chittenden | Dutch Hollow Farm

4:00 Depart for NYC

5:30 Arrive at Row NYC Hotel

Free evening for TALL XV

Saturday, April 29, 2017

CHECK OUT OF HOTEL ~Session Adjourned

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!